

What I Claim Is:

1. An Internet Printing Protocol (IPP) payment system for paying for IPP services, said system comprising:
 - a plurality of IPP cards;
 - a data structure storing a plurality of records, where each record includes an identification code and a monetary amount, and where each record corresponds to one of the plurality of IPP cards; and
 - a processor for determining if the monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of IPP cards is sufficient for the payment of an IPP service.
2. The IPP payment system according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of IPP cards are prepaid.
3. The IPP payment system according to Claim 1, wherein the processor includes means for receiving instructions to deduct or add an amount from or to a monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of records via a network.
4. The IPP payment system according to Claim 1, wherein the processor determines if the corresponding monetary amount corresponding to one of the plurality of IPP cards is sufficient for the payment of a non-IPP service.

5. The IPP payment system according to Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of IPP cards corresponds to a subscriber of said IPP payment system.

6. An IPP card comprising a front face and a back face, wherein at least one of said faces indicates at least a monetary amount associated with said IPP card and identification indicia for transmitting via a network to a remote processor for said remote server to identify said IPP card and to determine a monetary amount associated with said IPP card, wherein said monetary amount may differ from the monetary amount indicated on the at least one of said faces.

7. The IPP card according to Claim 6, wherein said IPP card is prepaid.

8. The IPP card according to Claim 6, wherein at least one of said faces includes a coupon.

9. The IPP card according to Claim 6, wherein at least one of said faces includes at least one of the following: a magnetic stripe, computer chip, bar code, radio frequency identification (RFID) tag, a compact-disc type surface encoding digital data, and a hologram.

10. The IPP card according to Claim 6, further comprising a computer-readable medium storing data.

11. The IPP card according to Claim 10, wherein said data includes a unique identification code assigned to said IPP card; the value of the monetary amount assigned to the IPP card; and a monetary amount for specific IPP services.

12. The IPP card according to Claim 6, wherein the IPP card is a smart memory card configured for insertion within a reading device.